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A Quick Look

Soccer coach

Staff Reports

David Strother, who has recently coached at Copiah-Lincoln and the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, was named head women's soccer coach at ICC at a Friday press conference.

He started his collegiate coaching career as the men's head coach at Southwest Mississippi Community College.



COACH ANDY KIRK is the winningest coach in ICC softball history...see page eleven.

ICC Hall of Fame selected for 2014-15

Staff Reports

Faculty and staff have selected Hall of Fame members for 2014-15.

They include Allie Devaughn, Mary Chandler Izard, Trey Henry, Sam Ivy, Angela Ard, Jake Wood, Kellie Ballard, Marley Donegan, Blake Ethridge, Jacob Hollis, Amanda Armas and Michael Adams. - See complete story on page three.

Healthier ICC is focus of \$355,048 WellFIT 365 grant

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has received notification from the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation that its WellFIT 365 grant proposal for \$355,048 has been approved.

WellFIT 365 will cover new cardiac equipment including spin bikes, a nine-week health and nutrition program each semester and a youth summer health and wellness camp, according to Dana Hale, chair of ICC's Health, Physical Education and Recreation Division who is also leading the Health and Wellness Executive Committee. "My passion is health and wellness, and I am both hon-

ored and excited to be a part of the WellFit 365 program. Our goal is to create healthier lifestyles with emphasis being placed on better nutrition practices and more active lives of our faculty, staff, student body and the surrounding communities."

"Itawamba Community College is extremely grateful to the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation for this significant grant that will enable us to provide expanded health and wellness opportunities not only

for our faculty, staff and students but also for those in K12 as well as our community," said President Mike Eaton. "It will further enhance the College's role in the promotion of a healthier institution and community."

The grant opportunity originated from a Blue Cross & Blue Shield Health and Wellness Summit earlier this semester, which Hale and ICC vice president of Student Services Dr. Buddy Collins attended. The Founda-

tion's University and College Health and Wellness Model is designed to support the development of health and wellness cultures that extend from campuses into the surrounding communities and schools.

Other members of the committee in addition to Hale and Collins include Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch, James Harris, Nicole Pierce, Deborah Stone, Sungja Collins, Treney Emison, Lynette Weatherford and Patricia Heflin.

A formal presentation of the check will be soon. The grant period extends from March 2015-August 2016.

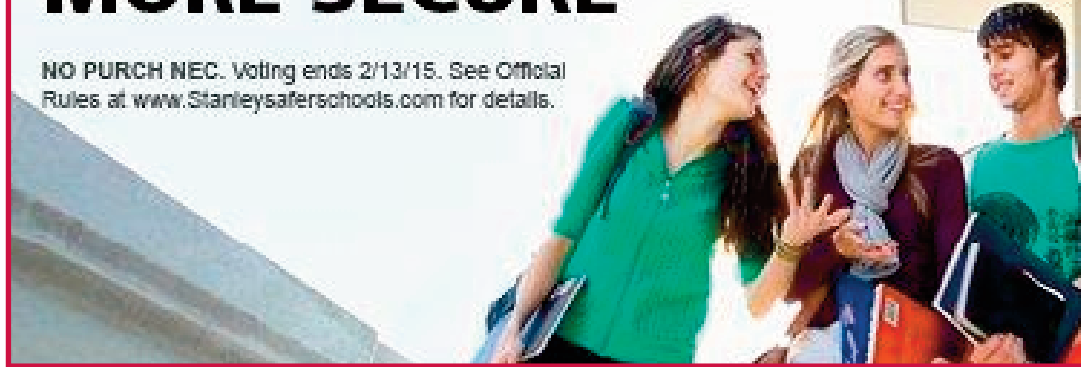


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See complete story on page six.

Comer elected Board chair

Staff Reports

Carl Comer of Fulton has been elected chairman of the ICC Board of Trustees for 2015.

Other officers include Alford Bell of Houston, first vice chairman; William Shack of Tupelo, second vice chairman; Mac Allen Thomas of Abbeville, secretary; and Mitchell Turner of Pontotoc, immediate past chairman.

Also serving on ICC's Board of Trustees are Dr. Betsy Collums, Dr. Jerome Smith, Amy Anderson, Charles M. Carson, Barry Dendy, all of Chickasaw County; Michael Nanney, Ronnie Gholston, Charles Spencer, Mark Tigner, D.L. "Bud" Wiygul Jr., all of Itawamba County; Jimmy Weeks, Ted Gordon, Gill Simmons, Dan Lee Bishop, Prentiss Turner, all of Lee County; Scott Cantrell, Thomas Griffith, Marilyn Sumerford, Jeanette Atkins, Danny Gladney, all of Monroe County; and Ken Royce, Lee Hatcher, Gerald Ray Bell, James H. Turner and Danny Park, all of Pontotoc County.- Staff Reports



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VIEWPOINT
MICHAELA COOPER
Editor

Keep your resolutions!

So, we are about a month into the New Year, and I think it is safe to say that more than half of us have already broken our resolutions.

We start on Jan. 1 gungho and ready to conquer the world.

Then, life happens.

We start the second semester of college, and for some reason, it feels even crazier than in the fall. Between rushing from classes, and for some of us then leaving to go straight to work, sometimes we have to choose between not eating at all or cheating on the diet and eating those french fries. So much for trying to eat healthier this year, right?

It is like no matter what we do each year, there seems to be a widespread trend of broken resolutions. The reason for this, though, is because we don't make a plan for how we want to achieve these goals. We tell ourselves that we **want** to accomplish something instead of **"I WILL."**

You cannot go through life expecting to achieve your dreams if you do not first have a clear and concise idea of just exactly where you want to conclude your journey.

Do you want to lose that Freshman 15? What about making the President's List? Or maybe you just want to do something as little as being five minutes early to class this semester instead of five minutes late.

Whatever your goal is, do not let it be another, "I will try again next year." Prioritize your life each day. What is the most important thing that needs to be accomplished today, and what can be put on the back burner?

I find the best way to prioritize my life is to first begin with an open mind. When you wake up in the morning, do not immediately jump up and begin your day in full sprint. Lie there. Let your mind fully analyze the schedule you have mapped out for the day.

Secondly, examine your weakest areas. If you know you have a work day ahead of you, chances are you will be too tired to finish that paper due tomorrow. Therefore, arrangements must be made to complete it before work. This may also mean skipping an outing with friends, which we all know is not the ideal path to take. Once again, I reiterate, prioritize.

Thirdly, another way I find beneficial in my life is checking my email and bank accounts each morning while I am still in bed collecting my thoughts. By checking your email early, you can better plan your day because, for example, if classes are cancelled, maybe you can sleep in. Or if a last-minute meeting was scheduled, you can move your lunch date to an hour later. Checking your bank account is just as important as your email for two reasons. First, it shows you exactly where you stand, and secondly, it shows if you need to curb your spending so that you can go on that spring break trip,

And, lastly, write down your dream. If it's just in your head, it is easily forgotten or put aside. But when written and in plain sight, it becomes more than an idea. It's now a goal and plan that you see every day.

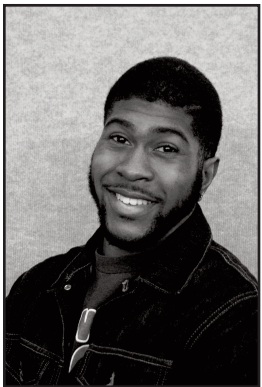
When it seems as though your resolution is about to slip out of view, remember the words of Confucius, "When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, adjust the action steps."



ZILMILLIA PITTMAN
Tupelo
"Eat more healthy. Yes I have (stuck to it)."



ANDRIA BARNES
Mooreville
"Going to the LRC and use the help of the tutors."



KIJAHN AGNEW
Atlanta, Ga.
"Be around positive people."

In your OPINION

"Your new year's resolution?"



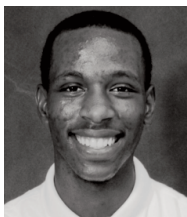
TAYLOR STEVENS
Hamilton
"To keep my grades up. Yes, I'm sticking to it."

KELLY ROBINSON
Tupelo
"Go to the gym a couple of times a week. Yes, I've been keeping my resolution."



CHARLEDRIC HARRIS
Houston
"Better grades. Yes, I'm sticking to my resolution."

HOPE GILLESPIE
Staff



Voices
MARCUS WALKER
Staff

'Game changer plan' takes commitment

President Barak Obama revealed his plan to mandate two free years of community colleges to the United States population on Jan. 8.

To most, this astonishing news is considered a "game changer," and it will be the financial answer to the average middle class student who is forced to apply for a student loan just to further his/her education.

However, others consider this idea to be "financially unstable" when related to the U.S. deficit.

We've all heard, "Nothing in life is free. All things in life come with a price."

As President Obama presents this proposal, many questions have been brought to the attention of the Senate. The most popular is "how will the U.S. fund this \$60 billion grant."

If the grant is approved for funding, it will assist millions of hardworking low- and middle-class students with the education for which they have always hoped. With every life circumstance, commonly financial, you are neither hot nor cold, up nor down, above nor beneath. Most likely, you are lukewarm. Monthly incomes are frequently enough to just get by. In the average low-to-middle class household, there is often one parent, a single mother, who is forced to work long hours to take care of the cost of living for her family. The single mother aspires to send her child to college so he or she can have a degree and experience a more abundant lifestyle than she had.

My question is "even though a hardworking individual is born into a low income home, should he/she be deprived of a quality and affordable education?" I believe that if this grant were to be enacted, it would create a snowball effect that could possibly diminish the U.S. deficit in a major way.

If the Senate passes this grant proposal, it would encourage more of the United States population to attend college. With more of the population attending college, the U.S. can produce more college graduates, which will create more hardworking Americans who are eager to work.

With more of the population working, the United States would be providing government assistance for fewer individuals, which would equal a smaller U.S. deficit. It's simple math.

I believe that if America will make this sacrifice now, it will reap promising benefits in the long run.

To take advantage of this opportunity, students must hold and maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher, and they must participate in workshops that relate to the workforce. Those who want a better life can meet these criteria. How about you?

LETTERS To the Editor

OUR POLICY

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College
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

UM-Tupelo visit
Tupelo Campus

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Symphonic and
Wind Band Concert,
Fine Arts, 6:30 p.m.

Deadline for stu-
dent aid to be used
in Bookstores;
Steel Band
Concert, FAA,
6:30 p.m.

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UM-Tupelo visit
Fulton Campus and
Black History
program, Fulton,
FAA, 7 p.m.

Black History
program, Student
Support Center,
Tupelo Campus,
noon

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for sports schedules or
visit LetsGoICC.com

BRIANNA GARRISON
Staff

12 selected to ICC
Hall of Fame

SHELICE BENSON
Staff

Twelve Itawamba Community College sophomores have been selected as members of the prestigious Hall of Fame for 2014-15.

They include Allie Devaughn of Mantachie; Mary Chandler Izard of Fulton; Trey Henry of Pontotoc; Sam Ivy of E cru; Angela M. Ard of Smithville; Jake W. Wood, Jacob M. Hollis, both of Tupelo; Kellie D. Ballard of Sherman; Marley S. Donegan of Mooreville; Blake Ethridge of Shannon; Amanda E. Armas of Guntown; and Michael L. Adams of Belmont.

ICC faculty and staff nominate members of the Hall of Fame each January. Qualifications include freshman and sophomore work at ICC and current enrollment in 12 or more semester hours with an overall GPA of 2.5 or better. Criteria for selection are active in college activities, good attitude toward students and staff; loyalty and service to the institution, initiative, reliability, leadership and character.

The Hall of Fame will be featured in the 2015 ICC yearbook, *Mirror*. - A photo and complete story will be included in the March issue of the Chieftain due to publication deadlines.

President Obama proposes plan
Free community colleges?

MICHAELA COOPER
Editor

On Jan. 20, President Barack Obama proposed an idea that has the potential to change the educational endeavors of America’s future generation.

He said in a video message that he wanted to “make sure that community college is accessible for everybody. Put simply, what I’d like to do is to see the first two years of community college free for everybody who’s willing to work for it.”

This plan is modeled after the Tennessee Promise, which has already signed up more than 90 percent of the state’s roughly 60,000 high school graduates of 2013 for a new community college scholarship.

How many students would this affect in the entire United States? The White House predicts it would affect up to nine million students if all states participated, saving those enrolled full-time an average of \$3,800 in tuition costs per year.

The prerequisites for qualifying under this proposal have similar eligibility guidelines as the Tennessee plan: students must be enrolled at least half-time, maintain a 2.5 GPA and make steady progress toward completing their programs.

However, students will not be the only ones with stipulations. Ac-

ording to preliminary information, participating community colleges will be required to meet specific guidelines for transferring credits and offer occupational training in high-demand fields. The initiative is specifically focused on achieving three major goals: enhancing student responsibility and cutting the cost of college for all Americans, building high-quality community colleges and ensuring shared responsibility with states.

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cover three-fourths of the average cost of community college, leaving states that choose to participate with the remaining funds necessary to eliminate community college tuition for eligible students. The White House also made clear

that states must stay committed to continuing existing investments in higher education and still work toward the progress of reducing the need for remediation and repeated courses.

“The free community college concept that has been proposed by President Obama is very different than what ICC has presently in place,” said Itawamba Community College President Mike Eaton. “The President’s plan pays all of the tuition up front regardless of other financial aid the student may be receiving, and it is not limited by the income of the family. It would be good for all community colleges and would increase enrollment. However, it would be a very expensive program, and it would meet resistance from four-year institutions.”

President Obama also unveiled the plan for the American Technical Training Fund, which is estimated to finance up to 100 technical centers at community colleges and other institutions to provide training to low-wage workers to give them the skills they need to progress into middle-class wage jobs.

A set solution to obtaining the funds both by the federal government and potential participating states has not yet been established.

- Staff Reports



RICKY BRASEL, ICC Campus Police chief, back, accompanies Tupelo firefighters as the Health Education Center is evacuated as part of a mock disaster drill just before the Christmas break.

Disaster drill tests plan

Staff Reports

Friday, December 19. The day that offices at Itawamba Community College would close for a two-week break. It was cloudy and cold, typical week-before-Christmas weather, a normal work day at the Tupelo Campus until 10 a.m.

An alarm shattered the peaceful silence. The call went out. Fire at the Health Science Education Center.

Three fire trucks rolled. Police and other emergency responders were quick on the scene. Before the event was over, the Tupelo Police Department bomb squad was dispatched.

The event was a mock disaster training drill in which the scenario escalated from the original fire to the removal of an unexploded device. Along the way there was a building evacuation, one injury and the ultimate “all

clear” at approximately 10:50 a.m.

The purpose of the drill, the third that ICC has conducted since 2009, was to test the effectiveness of ICC’s emergency preparedness procedures, which are covered in an 800-page comprehensive Continuity of Operations Plan. The document is continually reviewed and revised as necessary. - See **DISASTER**, page six.

TEACHER
SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Ken Bishop
Chairman, Communications

Family: Wife, Patricia; Son, Christopher; Daughter, Kimberly
Education: A.A., IJC; B.A., Union University; M.Ed., University of Mississippi; Ed.D., Mississippi State University.
Teaching Experience: 45 years with 35 at ICC and 10 at IAHS
Positives of Teaching: “Being amazed at the abilities and creativity of today’s college generation while enjoying each day as we pursue learning (having such a tremendously supportive ICC family of teachers and educators is

truly a blessing); also each day offers new challenges and blessings.”
Negatives of Teaching: “The constant battle to preserve ‘my’ time along with family and friend time when paper grading and planning issues are constant.”
Advice to Students: “A successful college experience and great career require developing your abilities in your chosen field of study while accepting the responsibility to work hard for the life and happiness you desire.”



IMANI MORRISON-CLARK
Sports Editor

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

Cheerleader clinics, tryouts set

Staff Reports

ICC has scheduled its 2015-16 cheerleader and mascot tryouts for 3 p.m., Apr. 22, on the Fulton Campus in the Fitness Center gym.

Tryouts will include both the coed cheer squad and the mascot, Chief Winnemaw.

Clinics are scheduled for 3 p.m., Mar. 4 and 5 (session one) and Mar. 18 and 19 (session two) in the Fitness Center gym on the Fulton Campus. Cost of the clinics is \$40 for two sessions. All participants are required to attend both sessions offered. One session consists of two days of clinics, therefore, participants are required to attend all four days of clinics, according to Dr. Bronson Prochaska, cheer coach.

Those interested in trying out for either the coed cheer squad or mascot should complete the online questionnaire at http://www.letsgoicc.com/recruits/Cheerleading_Questionnaire.

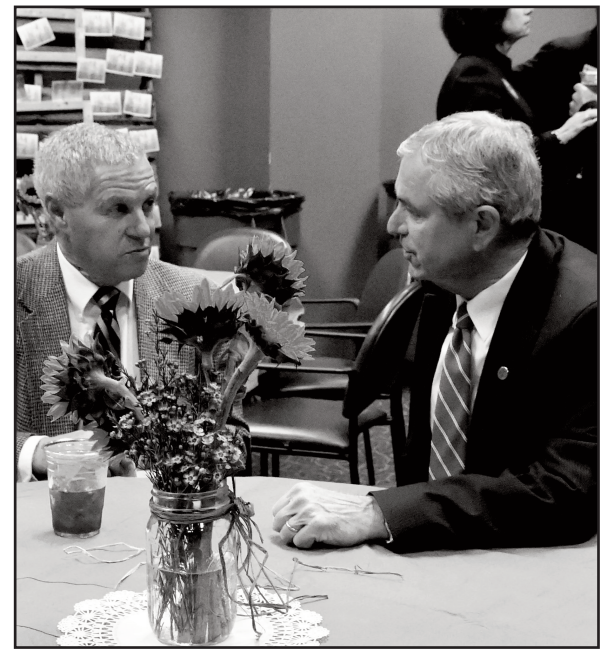
For more information, contact Prochaska at bg-prochaska@iccms.edu.

SEI surveys set for this semester

ICC students have an opportunity to review instruction and supportive services through completion of Student Evaluations of Instruction later this semester.

Students can provide their opinions through the SEIs, which will focus on such topics as Campus Police, Student Affairs, Student Activities and the Bookstore. Dates are Mar. 30-Apr. 10.

Students will receive the surveys through their ICC email address. All student surveys remain anonymous. - *Staff Reports*



ICC participates in Legislative luncheon

PRESIDENT MIKE EATON, top right photo, talks with Rep. Randy Boyd at the Legislative Luncheon in Jackson, Jan. 27, and Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch, executive director of Community Relations, bottom left, listens to Community College Board member Bubba Hudspeth. Members of ICC's Saxophone Quartet provide entertainment.





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	Dana Hale	862.8126
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	Heather McCormick	862.8191
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HOSA	Lori Little	620.5122
Indian Delegation	Allyson Cummings	620.5279
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OTA	Suzanne Chittom	620.5028
SkillsUSA	Brad Crowder	620.5155
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Black History Month
Programs feature Gary, Ball-Williamson



Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has scheduled Black History programs st both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses in mid-February.

The Fulton Campus program will be at 7 p.m., Feb. 17, at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center, and the Tupelo Campus event at noon, Feb. 19, in the Student Affairs presentation room of the Student Support Center.

CARRIE BALL-WILLIAMSON

ICC director of Athletics Carrie Ball-Williamson will be the speaker at the Fulton Campus. In her 22nd year at the College, she has coached both women’s basketball and softball. In Mar. 2011, she received the National Junior College Athletic Association Loyalty Award for exemplary leadership both on and off the field, and she has been inducted into the Itawamba Community College Athletic Hall of Fame as well as the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame. Ball-Williamson, who is a native of Pontotoc, has an extensive list of coaching honors and awards. She earned the bachelor’s degree from Mississippi University for Women and the master’s degree from the University of Mississippi. She is married to Troy Williamson Jr.

RAMON GARY

ICC graduate Ramon Gary will be the speaker for the Tupelo Campus program. In 2001, he earned the A.A. degree from ICC where he was elected Mr. ICC and was an all-state basketball player. Gary earned the bachelor’s degree from Delta State University, andin 2007, the A.A.S. degree in physical therapist assistant technology from ICC. He is employed by the North Mississippi Medical Center, where he has been a PTA for seven years. Gary and his wife, Carmen, have two sons, Carson and Reid.

Both programs are free and open to the public.

New members inducted
Phi Theta Kappa chapters

Several area students are new members of the both the Beta Tau Sigma and the Upsilon Sigma chapters of Phi Theta Kappa at Itawamba Community College.

They include Treviaris D. Key of **Aberdeen**; Katherine D. Ford, Hannah Nicole Gaskin, Casey R. Lochridge, Bryon Lee Washington, all of **Amory**; Steven O. Gentry, Hannah Katherine Roberts, Bentley Blaire Cochran, all of **Baldwyn**; Margaret Kate Bushway, Abdias Hernandez, Michael C. Mitchell, all of **Belden**; Vanessa C. Edgeston of **Blue Moun-tain**; Lauri Michelle Bridges, Margaret Rose-mary Hudson of **Blue Springs**; Haley B. Moore of **Booneville**; Tererra Deanette Vanderford of **Burnsville**; Enrique M. Hackler of **Columbus**; Julie L. Bogue of **Etta**; Bailey Elisabeth Reid of **Eupora**; Beverly Renee McDowell, Deanne Shumpert, George Jason Briggs, all of **Fulton**; TaNeia Rhenee Bradshaw of **Grand Rapids**,

Mich.; Alainey S. Hughes, Randall C. Richardson, both of **Hamilton**; Jesse H. Kelly, Graham Aaron Cameron, both of **Houlka**; Anfernee De-quon Brand, Roy Davis, both of **Houston**; Dane Alan Degraw of **Iuka**; Ambrianna Shardai Jones of **Macon**; Kelly B. Barnes, Dana L. Harper, Elizabeth Ann Carter, all of **Mantachie**; Jacob Morgan Tucker, Jonathan C. Young, Sheila Lynn Coker, Jordan John Crowder, Danny J. Dill, all of **Mooreville**; Lucky D’Angelo Evans of **Plantersville**; Anna Jordan Lewis, Eduardo Rocha, Jessica D. Starks, Nicholas G. Ferreebee, all of **Pontotoc**; Grayson G. Denley of **Randolph**; David Ruedas of **Ripley**; John A. Tomes, Lexie La-Juan Flowers, Francisca G. Guerrero, Brittany Hope Horn, all of **Saltillo**; Darlene H. Bowers, Yasmine Ismail, Gina Renee Jones, Mauritha L. King, all of **Shannon**; Justin Webb Leveck, Diana Lee, Jennifer D.

Lesley, all of **Smithville**; Eric Skylar Lindley of **Steens**; Kierra Shaquese Thompson of **Sulligent, Ala.**; Jordan L. Carwyle of **Thaxton**; Lacey L. Bre-keen, Alicia Marie Love-lady, both of **Tishomingo**; Jordan C. Alexander, Kasey Kishi Braham, Kimberly Nichelle Cook, Cathy J. Gamble, Devin C. Roe, McCarthy Ann Repult, Mary J. Parks, Donald Mason Turner, Patrick A. Turney, Jose A. Vazquez, Steven Blair Ward, all of **Tupelo**; and Jenna Nic-hole Campbell, Kennedy Morgan Warren, both of **Vardaman**; and Dianna Lynne Woodley of **Verona**.

Phi Theta Kappa recognizes and encourages the academic achievement of two-year college students and provides an opportunity for individual growth and development through honors, leadership and service programming.

A formal induction ceremony is set for March. - *Staff Reports*

Midterm Help

ICC instructors will assist students to prepare for upcoming midterm exams and answer questions...

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 3 p.m.
Beginning Algebra, Tech Ed 104
Intermediate Algebra, Tech Ed 108
College Algebra, Tech Ed 104
Calculus, Tech Ed 110

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 3:30 p.m.
Statistics, Tech Ed 110

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 3 p.m.
Beginning English, Tech Ed 110
Intermediate English, Tech Ed 105
English Comp I, Tech Ed 108
English Comp II, Tech Ed 104

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 3:30 p.m.
Literature, Tech Ed 110
Spanish, Tech Ed 105

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 3 p.m.
Principles of Biology, Tech Ed 104
General Biology, Tech Ed 108
Microbiology, Tech Ed 110
Chemistry, Tech Ed 105

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 3:30 p.m.
Physical Science Survey, Tech Ed 104

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For more information, visit the Fulton Campus Student Success Center.

SGAs plan activities

ALEXIS GUY
Staff

ICC’s Student Government Association is working on activities for the spring semester.

The extensive list includes movie nights, the Black History programs on Feb. 17 in Fulton and Feb. 19 in Tupelo and later this semester, Indian Idol.

Fulton Campus SGA vice president Sam Ivy encourages students to participate in all activities, including Indian Idol, for which students can audition, and if they are successful, compete for the title. Indian Idol continues for three consecutive weeks and involves judges, local radio personalities and ICC staff members. “Students have a lot of say in the voting process,” Ivy said.

The SGA will also host cookouts and several activities during Indian Week, which is scheduled for the week before exams begin. Ivy said

that comfort colors t-shirts and tanks will be sold again this year.

Petitions for SGA officers (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) for both campuses for 2015-16 can be picked up from Feb. 25-Mar. 6 in the office of the vice president of Student Services on the second floor of the David C. Cole Student Services building on the Fulton Campus and in Student Affairs in the Student Support Center on the Tupelo Campus.

should contact a PTK sponsor.

Those who accept membership must pay a one-time non-refundable \$100 fee. They are eligible to receive up to \$8,000 in scholarships when they transfer to a four-year college, according to Robin

PTK sets orientation for spring

CIERRA HOSKINS
Staff

Orientation for new Phi Theta Kappa members is scheduled for noon, Feb. 11 and at 12:15 p.m. Feb. 12 in Humanities 110 at the Fulton Campus and noon on Feb. 11 and at 12:15 p.m., Feb. 12 in Purvis 110 at the Tupelo

Campus.

Letters have been mailed to those who qualify for membership. Qualifications include completion of at least 12 hours and a 3.5 or higher GPA. Students who believe they qualify but who did not receive a letter

should contact a PTK sponsor.

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Lowe, Fulton Campus co-advisor. Feb. 27 is the deadline to pay dues for those who wish to participate in the formal induction ceremony, which is scheduled for 6 p.m., Mar. 19, at the Tupelo Campus. The last day for dues payment for others is Apr. 13.



New faces join ICC's faculty and staff

Staff Reports

Several individuals participated in new faculty and staff orientation at ICC at the beginning of the spring semester.

They include **Raphael Henry** of Tupelo, video operation coordinator; **Amanda Dickinson** of Mantachie, ABE/GED instructor; **Lee Adams** of Fulton, assistant sports information director; **Tyler Camp** of Mantachie, director of development; **Donna Wileman** of Amory, administrative assistant to the director of the physical plant; **Daris White** of Fulton, bus driver; **Bonnie Sappington** of Houlka, WIA case manager assistant; **John Bowen** of Fulton, print shop manager; **Julie Mitchell** of Mantachie, payroll clerk; and **Crystal Meyers** of Pontotoc, of-

fice assistant for ABE/GED.

Henry, who previously served as producer/director for Ole Miss Sports Production, earned the bachelor's degree from Rust College. His honors include Telly award-winning producer/director of the Ole Miss Coaches Show. Henry is the founder and CEO of the Deshea Townsend Never Give Up football camp for youth 5-17 years of age. He also served as the coach of the 13-0 Park and Recreation 10-11-year-old baseball team. Henry and his wife, Michelle, are the parents of two children.

Dickinson earned the bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and the master's degree from the University of Mississippi. She has been a K-12 teacher at Mantachie Elementary and High School and

Mooreville Elementary School. She and her husband, Jason, have two children.

Adams was previously employed as Mississippi State University beat writer for the Starkville Daily News and photo editor for the Commercial Dispatch. He earned the associate's degree from ICC. Adams's photos have been used by the Associated Press, CBS, MSU and numerous media outlets. He and his wife, Morgan, are the parents of one child.

Camp earned the associate's degree from ICC and bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University. He previously served as assistant to vice president Amy Tuck at MSU. His honors include SGA president at ICC and the recipient of Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional awards.

Wileman and her husband, Steve, have three children.

Before he joined the ICC Transportation Department, White was employed as a truck driver. He has two children.

Sappington earned the bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University. She has two children.

Bowen, who was self-employed at Fulton Printing, has served as photographer for Rebels 247. He and his wife, Cyndi, are the parents of two children.

Mitchell was employed at Comfort Keepers for three years, the last as general manager of the Columbus office. She has two sons.

Meyers earned the associate's degree from Colorado Technical University. She has two children.



MEMBERS of ICC's faculty and staff who participated in an orientation session last month include, front, from left, Donna Wileman, Amanda Dickinson, Crystal Meyers; second row, Julie Mitchell, Bonnie Sappington; third row, John Bowen, Raphael Henry, Tyler Camp; and back, Lee Adams and Daris White.

Help ICC to receive Stanley Security grant

Staff Reports

All students, employees and their families and friends are encouraged to help Itawamba Community College win up to \$100,000 in the STANLEY Security Together for Safer Schools Grant program.

Anyone can vote via online, text and tweet every day through Feb. 13.

"This grant would provide the opportunity to expand and upgrade the College's video monitoring system," said Dr. Buddy Collins, vice president of Student Services.

The grant will be used toward access control, video cameras, emergency communication or improving safety at the College through other security products or services.

To vote (limit one vote per per-

son/method of voting per day), visit www.STANLEYSaferSchools.com, select Itawamba Community College; tweet using #STANLEYSecurity and #iccmsedu or text iccmsedu to 334455.

To keep up with the leading colleges, visit www.STANLEYSaferSchools.com and click on Leaderboard.

DISASTER from page three.

"This is a drill, and the purpose of a practice or drill is to improve," said vice president of Student Services Dr. Buddy Collins, who was instrumental in the development of the emergency plan. "At the end of the drill, we want to get better, to take our weaknesses and convert them to strengths. No plan is perfect. We just practice until we feel it's right."

The drill was planned and executed by Campus Police Chief Ricky Brasel, who is also ICC's Continuity of Operations Plan coordinator, and involved in addition to ICC's personnel, the Tupelo Police Department and the Tupelo Fire Department.

Dr. Brad Boggs, director of Student Affairs at ICC,

called the drill an opportunity to simulate an actual emergency and to see how we all respond. It enables the College to train faculty and staff as well as administrators, Campus Police and local agencies."

ICC utilized its ICC ALERT, a mass notification system, to disseminate information about the mock drill, just as it would in the event of an actual emergency. "ICC ALERT is critical," Boggs said, "you just press one button to send out a mass email. Today's drill went well. We always are able to find out the little things that we need to work on, to polish ourselves."

Collins said that it's ICC's responsibility to be ready for incidents that may arise. "Emergency procedures

manuals are distributed to students, faculty and staff at the beginning of each year. We put life and safety first. Every time we have had a (mock disaster training) drill, we have made improvements in equipment and communications. It's so important how law enforcement and the campus community come together. We are extremely grateful to EMS and both the Tupelo Police and Fire departments."

"We hope and pray that we will never have to use this training, but ICC Campus Police officers are trained to handle any disaster on campus, and we train continuously to prepare ourselves for these situations," Brasel said.



Itawamba Community College presents Bluegrass & BAR-B-QUE

**19th Annual
Gospel Bluegrass Concert
benefiting the
ICC Foundation**

**Saturday, February 28 • 4:30 p.m.
Davis Event Center
Fulton, MS**



Rhonda Vincent



Dailey & Vincent



GENE WATSON



Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver

Officials at Itawamba Community College have released the honors lists for the 2014 fall semester. Named to the president's list, which includes those students with a 3.8-4.0 grade point average were

Aberdeen - Morga, K. Brown, Stacie D. Covington, Alesia Deanna Herring, Taylor A. McCallum, Gregory Thomas Odum, Lesley Elizabeth Parker, Beverly Nicole Philleary, Kori M. Riley, Joshua D. Sowers, **Ackerman** - Kelli R. Aurell, Allannah Mitchell; **Amory** - Caitlin D. Aldridge, Kenneth P. Dabbs; **Anderson** - Kaitlyn M. Anderson, Kayla N. Anderson; **Armstrong** - Bailey L. Eubanks, Hannah Nicole Gaskin, Chandler Beth Gurney, Brandon Scott Holley, Barton Cody Hutson, Destinee N. Johnston, Casey R. Lochridge, Rachel M. Moffett, Brooke Elizabeth Morris, Chrystal Shawn Parker, Samantha Nicole Peek, Maggie M. Petty, Whitney D. Taylor, Charles Evan Thomas, Michael Wathen, Benjamin C. Watson, Samuel B. Wilkerson; **Baldwyn** - Jessica L. Bishin; Tiffany N. Goldman, Stephanie M. Hardy, Hannah Katherine Roberts, Autumn Elizabeth Sample, Austyn Lake Todd, Michelle Whitney Wagner, Brandy Michelle Williams, Bradley Scott Wood; **Belden** - Diva R. Arnold, Andrew J. Chamblee, Natanica K. Darnell, Kyle Jacob Gray, Leslie K. Haygood, Hunter Trey Jones, Stephanie M. Land, Michael C. Mitchell, Lien Pham; **Belmont** - Cassidy C. Collier, James E. Cruse, Adam T. Stanfield; **Blue Mountain** - Vanessa C. Edgeston; **Blue Springs** - Michael J. Chunn, Margaret Rosemary Hudson, Joshua K. Lindsey, Mallory G. Mahon, Ashley Nicole Pfahler, Christopher D. Stark, Olivia E. Whittington; **Booneville** - Marie Shantay Bell, Tyler Milton Floyd, Brooklyn N. Lane; **Burns** - Kaitlyn Marie Burns, Kaitlyn Marie Burns, Brandon L. Burns; **Burns** - Laken L. Shibley, Charles Taylor, Kaitlyn Marie Burns, Kaitlyn Marie Burns, Kaitlyn Marie Burns, Kaitlyn Marie Burns; **Calhoun** - Taylor C. Celia J. Hodge; **Collierville**, Tenn. - Cody Joseph Young, Gabe P. West; **Clinton** - Elaine Guy, Alyks L. Hamm, Kayla Elaine Bird, Alanna Evans, Enrique M. Hackler; **Corinth** - Joseph Edward Burns, Faith Samantha Davis, Deven Matthew Hicks, Graves B. Marshall, Erica F. Wigginton; **Dennis** - Elisabeth A. Enlow, Dakota Blake Hall; **Dumas** - Cynthia M. Davis; **Ecu** - Cory Gene Bailey, Makayla Lynn Herring, Samuel L. Ivy, Matthew H. Moody, Ronald K. Robbins, Beth A. Russell; **Eita** - Reagan K. Coffey, James Gregory Willard; **Eupora** - Anna C. Littlejohn; **Fulton** - Jason Shane Baker, Ashley Nicole Brasel, Cyndie R. Brazill, Amanda M. Collier, Courtney Leigh Foe, Bradley James Frederick, Kaitlyn Marie Gary, Cathy Holcomb, Jonathan Hunter Holland, Rebecca Elizabeth Hord, Vincent Huggins, Mary Chandler Izard, John Paul Johnson, Tiffany R. Kendrick, Megan Michelle Kesler, Megan N. Lane, Maggie E. Marshall, Beverly Renee McDowell, Teresa L. McMillen, Thomas W. Midkiff, Anthony Scott Mitchell, Kenneth Jason Pency, Mary A. Plunkett, Kasey Alexandra Powers, Austin M. Powers, Kaitlyn Marie Burns, Kaitlyn Marie Burns, Kaitlyn Marie Burns, Kaitlyn Marie Burns; **Shelby** - Kristian Julianna Shirley, Aarika Hope Scott, Tabitha Janelle Spencer, Hannah Grace Stanley, Jansen B. Thomas, Bethany J. Timmons, Tyron Nikae Ward, Eric Jacob Zavala; **Glenn Allen** - Charles C. Yelverton; **Gondall** - Justin L. Torro, Brandi Michelle Embrey, Anessa S. Holland, Houston L. Orr, Austin B. Page, Kendal Lane Petty, Boshra G. Pharr, Erin A. Pounds, Hannah N. South, Hannah L. Stockton, Haley Brooke Swindle, Madison L. Thurn, Chelsea Adrianna West, Ashley Nicole Wilson, Hunter Alan Wood; **Gordo**, Ala. - Cassidy Lauren Hardy; **Greenwood Springs** - Lela Elizabeth Clements; **Guntown** - Travis Tygon Bradford, Heith Murray Cochran, Megan Melissa Corrie, Anna K. Gardner, Heather M. Howell, Alexandria T. McBrayer, Richard N. Page, Schyler Brianna Turner; **Hamilton** - Raimi A. Bryan, Christie M. Hesse, Taylor Morgan Hyland, Marcus M. Walker; **Hernando** - Hunter J. Ricks Burton; **Hickory** - Mary Kayla Snowden; **Holly Springs** - Sarah Elise Saunders, Angela J. Yeats;

Aberdeen – Austin P. Earnest, Troy B. Murphy, Dalton Lee Ott, Dustin Hunter Post, Vanity S. Riddle, Lindsay Taylor Gifford, Tarah Shea Jones, Rosemary Catherine Murphy, Ashley Danielle Terry, Samuel D. Frank, Nascotia T. Bafford, Jennifer Gayle Gray, Lauren Brooke Lusk, Lindsey R. Renfro, Ethan Franklin Earnest; **Ackerman** – Marilyn Ramirez; **Amore** – Magen Shayne Faulkner, Ragen Layne Faulkner, Emily Suzanne Hurt, Shayla L. McNeese, Jonathan Luke Chirif, Jared Benny Spang, Jennifer Taylor Eldard, Christine L. Bland, K. Savannah Chirif, Jennifer Gray, Jeremy J. Jones, Joshua Zamosa, Jesse D. Dumas, Dewald Alana B. Caster, Zachary C. Coker, Summer A. Adams, Elizabeth L. Gosa, Kimberly Michelle Smith, Bethany C. Carter, Tanner M. Reese, Reanna L. Dupree, Jared W. Knight, Marla Lea Reeves; **Ashland** – Melissa R. Williams; **Baldwyn** – Callie O'Neil Davis, Zackary D. Holland, Austin D. Byrd, Pamela Kaye Franks, Chesnee Leigh Bowdry, Hana G. James, Kiara Rai Murphy, Kately Paige Lindsey, Jamie Michelle Gishman, Dentravious D. Gates; **Banner** – Shelby L. Leachman; **Belden** – Joseph A. Campbell, Alexander Jack Hill, Mark E. Jeanfreau, Matthew Thomas Ryann Pumphrey, Michelle Marie Warren, Crystal Selena Cury, Kaitlyn Elizabeth King, Graham Thomas Swans, Abdias Hernandez, Lakyn Olivia Graham, Yarah Amador, Cayman E. Bell, Andrew Thomas Williams; **Benny** Taylor Nicholas; **Belmont** – Katrina L. Wilson, Mallory B. Jones, Colin R. Harris; **Benson** – Michael N. Blanton; **Bethel** – Kaitlyn Elizabeth King, Kaitlyn Elizabeth King, Kaitlyn Elizabeth King, Ross, Tyler S. Coker, Dylan J. Meza, Allison Jewell Haynie, Chandler B. Steele, Kelsey May Clemens, Melysa Ann Myer, Billy Dean McDonald, Katherine L. Tackitt, Jonathan B. Swords; **Booneville** – Moesha S. Wright; **Branson**, Mo. – Hannah Lee Johnson; **Bruce** – James Andrew Bagwell; **Caledonia** – Jason T. Bryant, Autumn Bailey White; **Calhoun City** – William M. Shankle, Cornelius Edmond, Jasmin E. Camilla; **Columbus** – Erica L. Shepherd, Jamie Alana Nance; **Corinth** – Margaret Helen Anglin, Camellia M. Hopper, Imani D. Morrison-Clark; **Dennis** – Elizabeth C. Greene, Stephanie L. Massey, Chelsea R. Nichols, Zachary K. Wooten; **Dumas** – Alexis Lane Lindgren; **Eccu** – Rogelio Ramirez, Codi C. Russell, Jessica R. Dove; **Epoufay** – Bailey Elizabeth Reed; **French Camp** – Hagana L. Haggard, Kaitlyn Elizabeth King, Kaitlyn Elizabeth King, Kaitlyn Elizabeth King, Kaitlyn Elizabeth King, Christopher Adams, Katherine N. Coles, Madonna F. Douglas, Corey Alan Wade, Sadie Alisabeth Evans, Quaysun C. ShumPERT, Drew W. Beman, Kacie L. Childers, Janice Gwendolyn Lodge, Lakin M. Patterson, Ellen Louise Roberts, Shyla Rea Peden, Katherine Mae McMillen, Jeffrey Alan Dodd, Jessica N. Tull, Madeline Dawn Mabius, William Henry Marlin, Amanda A. Laney, Nicole Diane Stewart, Stephanie Nicole Sallis, Aleesia Faith ShumPERT; **Goulden** – Dwight Taylor Payne, Troy Brooke Melson, Abbygail MacKenzie Reese, Tiffany Aleisha Searcy, Naudia S. Kelly, Laura Catherine Stormer; **Green-**

A black and white photograph capturing a moment during a football practice or game in a school cafeteria. In the center-right, a male student is captured mid-kick, his body angled towards the right, with his right leg extended forward. He is wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and light-colored pants. To the left, a female teacher, wearing a black and white vertically striped shirt, stands with her hands on her hips, observing the action. Behind the kicker, a line of students is lined up, some holding footballs, watching the play. The cafeteria has a tiled floor, and a football lies on the floor in the foreground. Large windows are visible on the left side of the room, and the ceiling is a drop ceiling with fluorescent lights.

For more information on the auditions, contact Christy Colburn at (662) 862-8302 or at ccolburn@iccms.edu or Brian Gillentine at (662) 862-8305 or at btgillentine@iccms.edu. Gillentine may also be contacted for inquiries on instrumental auditions.

Based on her track record and her innate drive and ability, Stella Morales will one day be a registered nurse, helping others along the way.

Achieving her life goals. Check and check.

UPCOMING MUSIC & ARTS, ETC...

February 17

Black History Month program
Speaker - Carrie Ball-Williamson
Sponsored by the SGA
7 p.m.

February 26

Most Beautiful Pageant
7 p.m.

Location...

W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center
auditorium
Fulton Campus

Staff Reports

Ashleys' ceramics on display

Staff Reports

Ceramics by the husband-and-wife team of Michael and Laura Ashley of Tupelo will be on display through Feb. 20 in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center gallery at the Itawamba Community College Fulton Campus.

The Ashleys met at the University of Mississippi in the art department while Michael was working toward the master's degree in ceramics, and Laura was an undergraduate art student in 2008. She earned the master's degree from the University of Alfred (N.Y.). They married in 2010 and have been traveling, teaching, learning and making pots around the country. Last August the couple moved to Tupelo, where they opened Ashley Studio Pottery.

All pieces of the exhibit will be for sale, and a price list is available.

A reception is scheduled from 4-5 p.m., Feb. 19, in the gallery.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., weekdays, except when the College is closed for holidays.

For more information, contact Shawn Whittington at (662) 862-8301 or email eswhittington@iccms.edu.

Most Beautiful Pageant set for Feb. 24

Staff Reports

Approximately 40 contestants will compete for the title of Most Beautiful 2015 at ICC during the annual pageant, which is scheduled for 7 p.m., Feb. 24, in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium on the Fulton Campus.

They include Rykieta Bell, Destiny Rowe, both of **Aberdeen**; Hope Alexandria Woods, Dani Coleman, Meredith Mofett, all of **Amory**; Brookelyn Walden of **Booneville**; Shelby Leachman of **Bruce**; Alexis Guy of **Columbus**; Tori Melson of **Fairview**; Taylor Hyland of **Hamilton**; China Odom of **Hatley**; Kaitlyn Savannah O'Barr, Alissa Eaton, Molly May, all of **Houston**; Lauren Collier, Memory Woods, Judi-Beth McMillen, all of **Mantachie**; Shelby Miller, Ashley Rushing, Alicia Tubb, all of **Mooreville**; Layla Vaughn Taylor of **Nettleton**; Hannah Anderson of **New Albany**; Shelby Kidd, Kaitlyn

Collins, both of **Pontotoc**; Taylor McNinch, Toni Byars, Grace Sparks, Anna-Claire Prather, Kensey Hopkins, all of **Saltillo**; Noa Hardin of **Starkville**; Lacey Brekeen of **Tishomingo**; Lari Lease, Lakyn Todd, both of **Tremont**; Tiana Allen of **Tupelo**; and Elana VonBoeckman of **Walls**.

Entertainment will be provided by 2014 Miss Mississippi Jasmine Murray. There will also be special appearances by ICC's Most Beautiful 2014 Logan Whitworth, Miss ICC 2014 Johnna Wilson and her princesses, Rilee Maxwell and Alivia Tip-ton.

Admission to the pageant is \$6, and tickets are available at TicketRiver.com through Feb. 23 at 5 p.m. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door; however, the event often sells out.

For more information, call (662) 862-8307 or email msbogg@iccms.edu.

Bluegrass & Bar-B-Que

To benefit the ICC Foundation, Inc.



Four acts to perform Feb. 28

Davis Event Center
Fulton

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's 19th annual bluegrass concert will feature Rhonda Vincent, Dailey & Vincent, Gene Watson and Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver.

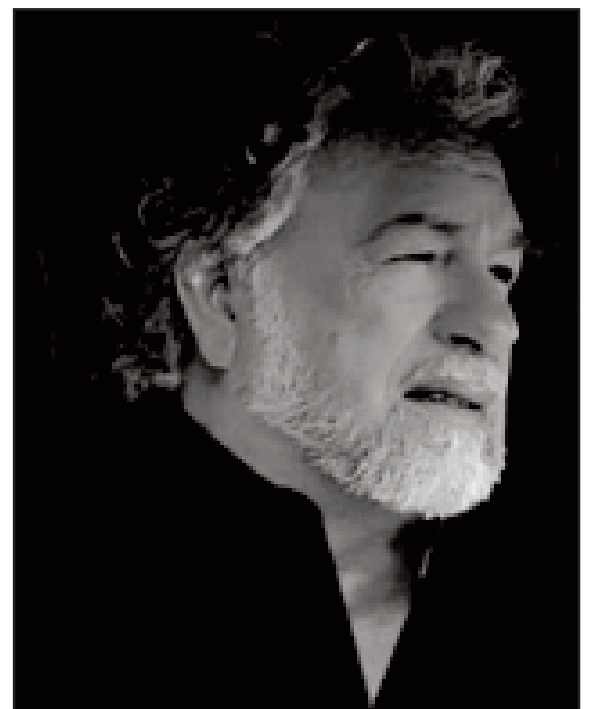
The Bluegrass and Bar-B-Que concert will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Davis Event Center on the Fulton Campus.

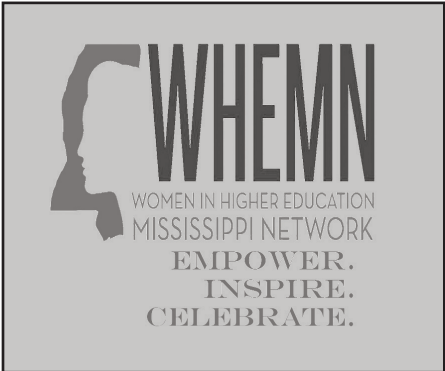
This year's event will benefit the Itawamba Community College Foundation, Inc.

Doors open at 3 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$20 and must be purchased online at www.iccms.edu/tickets. Reserved tickets, which are \$25, must be purchased in person at Davis Ford in Fulton or by calling (662) 862-3711. Bar-B-Que plates will be available from 3-5 p.m., and tickets, which are \$10, must be purchased in advance at www.iccms.edu/tickets.

For more information, call (662) 862-8039.





WHEMN Conference

Nationally-recognized speakers to present

Staff Reports

ICC will host the leadership conference of the Women in Higher Education Mississippi Network, Feb. 19-20, at the Belden Center.

Members of the organization, which include women administrators in both two- and four-year colleges, are invited to attend the conference which focuses on “Empower...Inspire...Celebrate.” The presenters include Dr. Ketra Armstrong, associate dean for Graduate and Faculty Affairs and professor of Sports Management at the University of Michigan; Dana Hale, chair of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Division at ICC; Amy Whitten, The Whitten Group; Amy Tuck, vice president of Campus Operations, Mississippi State University; Sue Mitchell, educator and learning specialist depicted in The Blind Side; Amy Tate, manager of Government Relations of the Tennessee Valley Authority and Mississippi University for Women National Alumni President; Dr. Mary Graham, president of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; Dr. Carmen Walters, vice president of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Jackson County Campus; and Elizabeth McCormick, Soar 2 Success International, LLC.

Mitchell, who was portrayed by Kathy Bates in The Blind Side, tutored the former Baltimore Ravens/Tennessee Titans Michael Oher from a .6 GPA to a 2.05 in high school and finally to a 3.75 Dean’s List student in college. Her ca-



ELIZABETH MCCORMICK is a retired Blackhawk helicopter pilot.

reer spans more than four decades in education, which experience from elementary to the collegiate level. A native of Memphis, Tenn., she earned the bachelor’s degree from the University of Mississippi and the master’s degree from the University of Tennessee. She began her teaching career in Atlanta, Ga., but after three years returned home to Tennessee and taught elementary school for three years, elementary school for 10 years and high school for 23 years. Following her retirement, she accepted a position at Ole Miss as a learning specialist. From 2005-09, she worked with the athletic department tutoring Oher



SUE MITCHELL is an educator and learning specialist, who was depicted in The Blind Side.

and other athletes with similar backgrounds. Mitchell will take the audience behind-the-scenes of The Blind Side, telling the story from her perspective as an educator and learning specialist.

As seen on ABC News “20/20,” CBS News, MSNBC, FOX News and the front page of the Dallas Morning News and featured in the Wall Street Journal, McCormick of the Dallas-Fort Worth area has flown air assault/rappelling training missions; VIPs; command and control battlefield management operations and Military Intelligence missions as a Blackhawk helicopter pilot. With her unique message, she takes the chal-

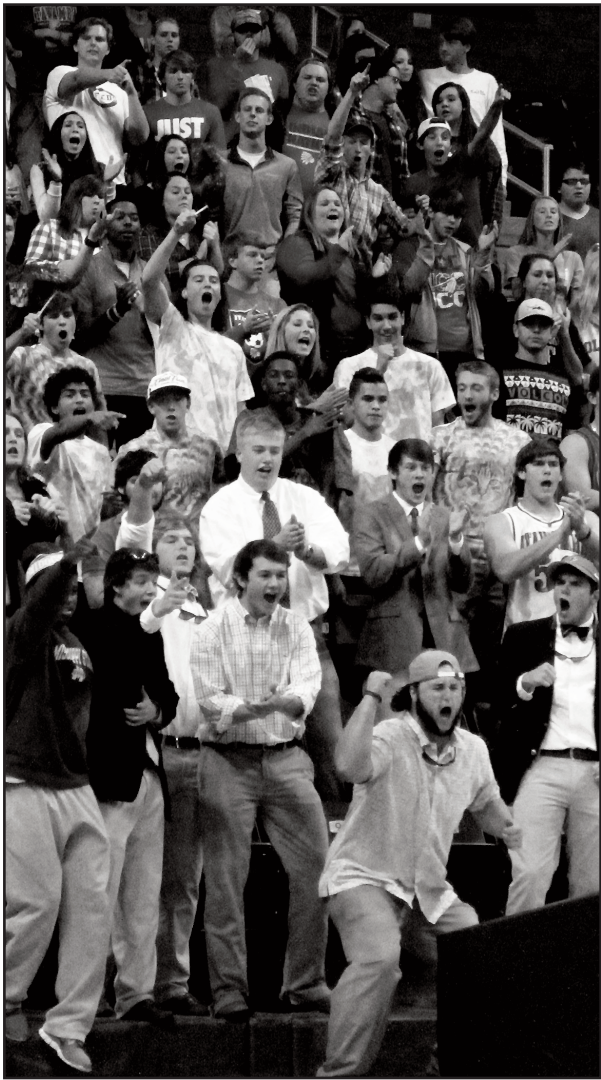
lenges she faced as a pilot and Chief Warrant Officer of the United States Army and shares empowering stories with relatable and actionable lessons. She also supported United Nations peacekeeping operations in Kosovo. A disabled veteran after suffering a career-ending injury and forced into medical retirement, McCormick is an advocate for veterans, serving on the board of directors for Grace After Fire, a non-profit organization helping women veterans help themselves. She is a founding member of the John Maxwell Team of certified speakers, as well as an award-winning sales consultant. McCormick is a best-selling author with more than 12 books published including her personal development book, The P.I.L.O.T. Method.

Dr. Ketra Armstrong is an ICC alumnus. She was honored as an inductee into the College’s Athletic Hall of Fame during homecoming ceremonies last October. A native of Tupelo, Armstrong played women’s basketball at then-Itawamba Junior College.

The mission of WHEMN is to identify, develop, advance and support women in higher education in Mississippi.

The ICC WHEMN steering committee includes Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch, Tilda Bouchillon, Mande Miller, Tasha Thames, Dr. Bronson Prochaska, Diann Nichols and Dana Hale.

PACKING THE HOUSE AT THE DEC



Clockwise, from top left
A packed student section.
Karen Davis directs the choir.
Choir members perform.
Tyler Camp visits with Trustee Dan Bishop and his wife, Patsy.





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REWARDED with responsibility

Receiving any award, whether it is for academics or sports, is always an honor.

Prestigious awards, such as the Heisman Trophy, come with great responsibility. Those who receive such an honor rapidly become household names and role models for children of all ages across the world.

On Dec. 14, 2013, Florida State’s freshman quarterback Jameis Winston became at 19 years of age the youngest player to win the Heisman Trophy. Since that time, Winston has dealt with controversies, which resulted in his facing the consequences for his actions.

Josiah Stamp said, “It is easy to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities.”

Many small children aspire to be like those who receive great rewards such as the Heisman. It is important to be mindful of how we carry ourselves and our behavior because we never know who is watching, young or old. It’s even more vital for those on the world’s stage to “act right.”

Despite what many believe, there are some individuals in the spotlight who handle business and themselves the right way, both on and off the field or court.

Oregon Ducks junior quarterback Marcus Mariota appears to be one of those young men. As the recipient of the 2014 Heisman, he is Oregon State University’s first player to receive the prized trophy. Mariota, who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in general science with an emphasis on human physiology, has received several awards throughout his college career, but none “bigger” than the Heisman. From all of the reports and the interviews that I have read and seen, Mariota is a prime example of an outstanding role model. He’s not just about football, but an emphasis on the value of education and “acting right.”

Throughout life, there are opportunities for rewards. They could be sports-related such as state, regional or national player of the week or an opportunity to play and excel at the next level. Or, it could be the recipient of an academic or career and technical award at ICC’s annual honors celebration in April.

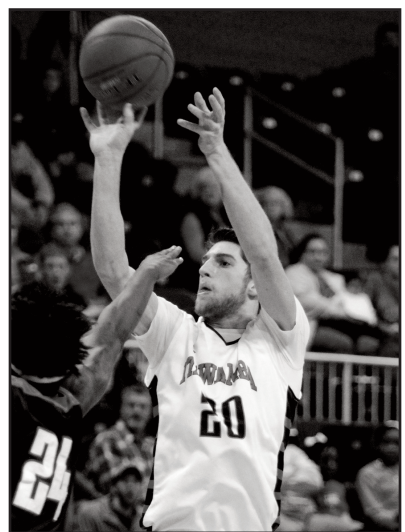
Accepting the reward is the easy part, but how we handle ourselves is more difficult. Receiving rewards gives us a sense of honor. Honor comes with pride, confidence and admiration. It is our responsibility to maintain our honor and what it encompasses.

Season winding down for ICC basketball

Staff Reports
ICC’s Indians and Lady Indians are heading down the home stretch of the 2014-15 season.

Three more games remain before the state tournament. A recap of the season since the last *Chieftain* includes

INDIANS
December 8
Northwest, 83; ICC, 73
High scorers - Austin Timms, 17;
Kevis Fleming, 15
December 11
Meridian, 69; ICC, 61
High scorers - Austin Timms, 14;
Tyrone Wooten, 13



Austin Timms
Consistent high-scorer for the Indians

December 13
ICC, 82; Lawson State, 80
High scorers - Lakee Westbrook, 20; Austin Timms, Dee Gates, 13
January 6
Jones, 82; ICC, 65
High scorers - Barri Hill, Lakee Westbrook, 15
January 8
Volunteer St., 83; ICC, 81

High scorers - Tyrone Wooten, 22;
Austin Timms, 12
January 12
Holmes, 81; ICC, 78

High scorers - Lakee Westbrook, 28; Austin Timms, 13
January 15
Northeast, 63; ICC, 60

High scorers - Tyrone Wooten, 12;
Austin Timms, 11
January 20
East Mississippi, 79; ICC, 59
High scorers: Austin Timms, 15;
Tyrone Wooten, Kevis Fleming, 11
January 22
Mississippi Delta, 84; ICC, 75
High scorers: Tyrone Wooten, 17;
Lakee Westbrook, 16

January 29
ICC, 82; Coahoma, 70
High scorers: Lakee Westbrook, 26; Tyrone Wooten, 16
February 2
ICC, 78; Northwest, 66
High scorers - Lakee Westbrook, 24; Austin Timms, 19

LADY INDIANS
December 8
ICC, 75; Northwest, 70
High scorers - Erika Toney, 21;
Jeronia Allen, 16
December 11
ICC, 75; Meridian, 65
High scorers - Jayla Chills, 20;
Ro Allen, 18;
December 13
ICC, 78; Lawson State, 67
High scorers - Jayla Chills, 24;
Alontra Tucker, 12
January 6
ICC, 85; Jones, 81
High scorers - Jayla Chills, 22;
Kaelin Kneeland, 17



Alontra Tucker
Among high scorers for the Lady Indians

January 8
ICC, 78; Volunteer State, 63
High scorers - Jeronia Allen, Alontra Tucker, Kaelin Kneeland, 13
January 12
ICC, 85; Holmes, 79
High scorers - Jayla Chills, 25;
Jeronia Allen, 20
January 15
ICC, 97; Northeast, 96
High scorers - Jayla Chills, 33;
Kaelin Kneeland, 22
January 20
ICC, 71; East Mississippi, 61
High scorers - Jayla Chills, 33;
Kaelin Kneeland, 12
January 22
ICC, 76; Mississippi Delta, 64
High scorers: Jayla Chills, 19;
Erika Toney, 13
January 29
ICC, 82; Coahoma, 57
High scorers: Kaelin Kneeland, 14;
Lanikki McMillian, 12
February 2
ICC, 80; Northwest, 77
High scorers - Jayla Chills, 28;
Ricki Hooker, 11

Current students invited to try out for football team

Staff Reports
On-campus tryouts for current Itawamba Community College students who are interested in playing football for the Indians this fall will be Mar. 4, beginning with check in at the fieldhouse from 1-1:30 p.m.

According to head coach Sean Cannon, the tryout is for an opportunity to participate in 2015 spring football practices.

Participants must be enrolled in at least 12 hours, Cannon said.
Combine-type drills will include 40-yard dash, individual position drills, weight room max, height and weight.
The cost is \$20.
For more information, contact coach Cannon at the fieldhouse or via email at jscannon@iccms.edu.



INDIAN FOOTBALL PLAYERS attempt to block a punt in this file photo.

Football signings

<i>Staff Reports</i> High school football players who signed to play for ICC’s Indians this fall include... Matt Allen , Ripley Dee Armstead , Winona Abraham Austin , Olive Branch Donvatis Bruce , Olive Branch Weston Bobo , Kossuth Nathan Cox , Tupelo Kaelon Collins , West Point Kamdon Edwards ,	South Panola Zach Ellis , Tupelo Kadarius Forside , West Point Dorian Gaston , Ripley Chakel Gates , Calhoun City Tavonta Hadley , Tupelo Keyon Higgins , Starkville Isaiah Howard , Ripley Centerio Jones , Horn Lake Reid Kelly , Germantown Deon Knox , Grenada David Little , Saultillo Jadarius Little , Horn Lake	Tyler Logan , West Point Octavius Matthews , North Jackson, Ala. Brennon McCormick , Lewisburg Devin McDonald , Smithville DC Olton , Winona Zach Pridmore , Baldwyn Juan Robinson , Greenwood Dqmarcus Shaw , South Panola Cody Shelton , Ripley Tarmarcus Silvers , Noxubee County	Matthew Stewart , Kossuth Tucker Wammack , Lewisburg Jaylan White , West Point Josh Williams , Aberdeen Kenny Wooten III , Meridian ICC players who signed with four-year colleges are... Quinton Lane , So. Alabama Larry Jefferson , W. Va. Myles Harges , Middle Tennessee Devan Gilleylen , Faulkner	Jeb Millender , North Alabama Sharone Wright , Mississippi College Benny McCall , Delta State Jacquez McMillian , Central Arkansas Joseph Bacchus , Arkansas State Anfernee Brand , Mississippi College Joel Forrester , Tennessee Tech Richard McQuarley , New Mexico
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Spotlight

McMillian rated among nation’s best



McMillian

ICC’s Jacquez McMillian of Southaven has been ranked by JCGridiron.com as the No. 17 Top Prospect from the 2014 football season.

“This is a great honor for Jacquez,” said ICC head football coach Sean Cannon. “A guy with speed and size has a lot of potential to go on and do big things as a wide receiver position on the next level.”

He is rated as a three-star wide-receiver by Rivals.com. He totaled 233 yards on 12 catches for an average of 19.4 yards per catch while hauling in three touchdown receptions. As a freshman, he was second on the team with 32 catches for 441 yards and three touchdowns.

Chills earns MACJC Player of Week honors... again

Sophomore Jayla Chills of Ripley earned the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Women’s Player of the Week honors for the second and third time this season, Jan. 26 and 28.

Chills averaged 29 points per game to help the Lady Indians improve to 6-0 in the North and 15-2 overall with wins over Holmes, Northeast, East Mississippi and Mississippi Delta.

She scored 25 points and grabbed six rebounds in ICC’s 85-79 win over Holmes while tying a career-high with 33 points in the Lady Indians’ 97-96 overtime win over Northeast. She averaged 36 points, five rebounds, five steals and four assists and 1.5 blocks per game in the Lady Indians’ win over East Mississippi and Mississippi Delta.

Chills earned the same honor during the second week of the schedule as well as NJCAA National Player of the Week honors in November.

NJCAA selects Millender All-American

ICC sophomore punter Jeb Millender of Pontotoc was named second-team All-American by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

“This is a great honor for Jeb,” said ICC head football coach Sean Cannon. “This is something he worked extremely hard to earn after having a great freshman season, and it’s great seeing all his hard work and dedication pay off for him in a big way.”

He had the second-best average in the nation with 41.5 yards on 55 punts with the nation’s second-best 25 kicks downed inside the 20-yard line to earn NJCAA All-Region 23 and Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-Star honors before being named All-American.



Millender

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DSU coach ‘kicks off’ season

MIKE KINNISON, head coach of Delta State University’s baseball team, was the featured speaker for ICC’s Leadoff Banquet, which kicked off the baseball season, Jan. 29.

Indians take field today at Fulton

Staff Reports

ICC will play four doubleheader games against teams that finished in the NJCAA’s Top 20 last season and will host the NJCAA World Series runnerup as part of its 2015 schedule.

ICC opened the 46-game schedule at Roy Cresap Field, Saturday, against Calhoun. The Indians will play Williams Baptist today and Ellsworth, Feb. 14, before traveling to Millington, Tenn. to face Illinois powers Rend Lake and Shawnee at USA Stadium, Feb. 17.

The season will feature a major change in how the MACJC determines its baseballplay-off participants, said head coach Rick Collier. Each team in the state will play each other once in the regular season and play 14 doubleheaders on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The top eight teams in the state will advance to the Best-of-Three series, May 1-2, with the winners advancing to the tournament.

The NJCAA named **Brady Chambley, TJ Watson, Tanner Poole and Hayden Williams** as top returning players.

Diamond Girls include 29-member squad

Staff Reports

Members of ICC’s Diamond Girls have been selected for the 2015 baseball season.

They include Marilyn Ramirez, Rebecca Riddle, Whitney Baker, Chelsea Meaders, Brookelyn Walden, Heather Tutor, Courtney Hubbard, Shelby Leachman, Sanitria Robinson, Bailey Reid, Emilee Wiygul, Madeline Mabus, Saydee Moss, Sydney Harrell, Molly May, Bailey Brewer, Lauren Collier, Layla Taylor, Racheal Stuckey, Memorie McIntosh, Daranice Holloway, Kinslee Hancock, Millie Mills, Amiee Scott, Mandy Stewart, Alyssa Kelly, Nicole Sumerel, Kari Lease and Ajia Pannell.

Spring Sports Softball - Tennis - Golf

Staff Reports Softball

ICC opened its softball season last Tuesday with a pair of wins over Copiah Lincoln and will conclude with a pair of division road games, Apr. 17, at Coahoma.

The three-time defending MACJC North Division champions will play 48 regular season games.

“The first part of our schedule is going to be the toughest we’ve had leading up to division play,” said coach Andy Kirk. “We’re playing the defending National Champion and several Division I teams out of Alabama to give us a real tough test early, but hopefully it will pay off for us later in the season.”

With the wins over CoLin Kirk became the all-time winningest softball coach at ICC, improving to 104-39 in four years as head coach of the Lady Indians.

ICC will also participate in the Pearl River tournament, Feb. 14, beginning with a clash against the defending NJCAA National Champion LSU-Eunice before squaring off against Faulkner State and host Pearl River. The Lady In-

dians will welcome powerhouse Jones County to Fulton, Feb. 24.

“We’ve got some young players that are going to have to grow up in a hurry at the start of the season, but that’s where we are going to lean on our sophomores to bring our freshman along and to help them see what it takes to win on this level,” Kirk said.

Freshman Courtney Roberts of Hatley has been named as a Top Incoming Freshman for the 2015 season by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Tennis

ICC will open its tennis season at Meridian Community College Friday against national powerhouse Seminole State College and Saturday against Marion Military. “We don’t catch much of a break early, but hopefully that will help some of our freshmen see what it takes to be successful because there is a whole lot of talented players on this level,” said head coach Paul Johnson. “We’re looking forward to getting the seasons started. We’ve got a good mix of return-

ing players and incoming freshmen that should allow us to be competitive on both the women’s and men’s side of things this season.”

ICC will host Region 23 contenders Meridian (Feb. 23) and Jones County (Mar. 2) in its first two home matches of the season separated by a road match against rival Northeast (Feb. 24) while hosting Holmes (Mar. 17) before spring break.

“You’re going to have to battle for wins this season,” Johnson said. “There are some teams that have been coming on strong over the past few years and looking to surprise some teams along the way this season.”

Golf

ICC’s golf team is playing today in its season opener at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

“I think we’ve got a nice group of guys,” said head coach David Rather. “We’ve got some pretty good freshmen coming in that are going to hopefully give us a shot to make some noise this season. I expect some immediate help out of some of the freshmen.”

Coming up in ICC athletics...

ON THE SCHEDULE

BASKETBALL - W/M				
Feb. 9	NE	Home	6/8	
Feb. 12	East MS	Home	6/8	
Feb. 16	MS Delta	Home	6/8	
Feb. 23	St. Tourn.	TBA		
Feb. 24	St. Tourn.	TBA		
Feb. 25	St. Tourn.	TBA		
Feb. 26	St. Tourn.	TBA		
Mar. 4	Region 23	Clinton		
Mar. 5	Region 23	Clinton		
Mar. 6	Region 23	Clinton		
Mar. 7	Region 23	Clinton		

BASEBALL				
Feb. 9	Wms. Bapt.	Home	1/4	
Feb. 14	Ellsworth	Home	1/3:30	
Feb. 17	Rend Lake	Away	Noon	
Feb. 17	Shawnee	Away	2:30	
Feb. 19	Calhoun	Away	12	
Feb. 21	Lakeland	Home	12/2	
Feb. 23	Wms. Bapt.	Away	12/3	
Mar. 1	Rend Lake	Home	12/3	
Mar. 7	Hinds	Home	2/4:30	
Mar. 14	MGCCC	Away	1/4	
Mar. 17	Northeast	Away	12/3	
Mar. 21	Meridian	Away	2/5	
Mar. 25	Northwest	Home	3/6	
Mar. 28	Pearl River	Home	2/5	
Mar. 31	Coahoma	Away	1/4	
Apr. 3	Jones	Away	2/5	

SOFTBALL			
Feb. 9	Hinds	Away	
Feb. 12	Gadsden St.	Home	
Feb. 14	Pearl River		
	Tournament	Away	
Feb. 17	Jackson St.	Home	
Feb. 19	Calhoun	Home	
Feb. 21	NE Tourn.	Away	
Feb. 24	Jones	Home	
Feb. 27	Northeast	Home	
Mar. 3	Northwest	Away	
Mar. 6	MS Delta	Home	
Mar. 9	Holmes	Away	
Mar. 16	Hinds	Home	

INTRAMURALS

Feb. 9 @ 5 p.m. - meeting in the SAC for the card game, “Magic.”

Feb. 17 @ 5 p.m. - meeting in the SAC for “FIFA World Cup Challenge.”

Mar. 2-6 - Softball registration

EDDIE ROBBINS
Staff

Red and Blue Shootout



Blue team wins Jan. 29 faculty/staff game

